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case of plague has been discovered near Brisbane, which is considered by the health authorities to be an isolated one.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

G. H. REID.

THE CONSUL-GENERAL FOR THE UNITED STATES,  
*Melbourne.*

*Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, November 16, as follows:

During the week ended November 12, 1904, 1 supplemental and 1 original bill of health were issued, and there were inspected 2 vessels, 191 crew, 20 cabin and 44 steerage passengers, together with 42 pieces of baggage. Two pieces of baggage were disinfected, and 55 men of the crew of one vessel were vaccinated and issued certificates to that effect. Manifests were viséed for 3,204 pieces of freight, and 1 emigrant for San Francisco, per steamship *Gaelic*, was inspected and passed.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows among the foreigners, smallpox, 2 cases; enteric fever, 2 cases; diphtheria, 1 case; among the Chinese, smallpox, 8 deaths; tuberculosis, 30 deaths. The total deaths recorded amounted to 115, all Chinese.

While the reported morbidity and mortality from smallpox does not appear extensive, it is believed that the disease is quite prevalent at this time in and about Shanghai; hence all practicable precautions for preventing access of this disease to ships bound to American ports are being taken.

No quarantinable disease was reported present at outports during the period covered by this report.

COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon—Mortality and sanitary conditions during month of November, 1904—Steamship Venezuela quarantined on account of measles.*

The following report, issued by Dr. Benjamin de Cespedez, Government sanitary officer of Limon, is received through the consul-general of Costa Rica at New York, under date of December 14:

Total number of deaths during the month, 28; died in the hospitals, 9; died in private houses, 19; tuberculosis, 4; malaria, 4. Causes of death: Measles, 1; dysentery, 3; syphilis, 1; beriberi, 1; other diseases, not infectious, 14. Death rate during the month, 5 per 1,000.

The number of patients at the different hospitals to-day is as follows: In the United Fruit Company's hospital, 48 men; Charity hospital, 34 men, 4 women; Costa Rica railroad hospital, 14 men. Births reported during the month, 14; inspection visits to houses, 161; sanitary orders or notifications issued, 49.

The steamer *Venezuela*, of the Veloce Company, was placed in quarantine because she had 2 cases of malignant measles.